

SENATE BILL 3077

By McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,  
Chapter 8, Part 1, relative to rights of way of  
pedestrians.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-134, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) Where traffic-control signals are not in place or not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall stop to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a marked crosswalk or at an intersection with no marked crosswalk. The driver must remain stopped until the pedestrian has crossed the roadway on which the vehicle is stopped.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-152(d), is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(3)(A) Where special speed limits are established upon any highway or public road of this state, the driver of a vehicle shall stop to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within such special speed limits. The driver must remain stopped until the pedestrian has crossed the roadway on which the vehicle is stopped.

(B) No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.

(C) Subdivision (3)(A) does not apply under the conditions stated in § 55-8-135(b).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.